









An Introduction to the Bay Area Consortium of Water and Wastewater Education

- BACWWE is a partnership between the water/wastewater industry and Solano College
- Water/Wastewater agencies fund the costs of the educational offerings
- Solano College provides college level courses where students obtain college credits that lead to a degree in waster/wastewater technology



Sponsoring Agencies

- Currently 22 Water and Wastewater Agencies throughout the Bay Area contribute annually to BACWWE
- Membership contributions are collected through Bay Area Clean Water Association (BACWA)
- BACWA manages the administrative functions
- Member contributions are based on treatment size and flows



Sponsoring Partners

City of Livermore www.cityoflivermore.net

City of San Leandro www.sanleandro.org East Bay Municipal Utility District

www.oroloma.org www.ebmud.com



Oro Loma Sanitary District **Union Sanitary District** www.unionsanitary.com



Zone 7 Water Agency www.zone7water.com



Sanitary District www.centralsan.org Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

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City of Brentwood www.ci.brentwood.ca.us

EBMUD



City of Martinez www.cityofmartinez.org



Delta Diablo Sanitation District



Diablo Water District www.diablowater.org



West County Wastewater District

www.wcwd.org



Dublin San Ramon Services District www.dsrsd.com



Ironhouse Sanitary District Mt. View Sanitary District

www.ironhousesanitarydistrict.com www.mvsd.org





Rodeo Sanitary District www.rodeosan.org



Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc. - Richmond www.richmond.veoliawaterna.com



Central Marin Sanitation Agency



Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District www.lgvsd.org



Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District

www.sausalitomarincitysanitarydistrict.com



Silicon Valley Clean Water www.svcw.org



Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District www.fssd.com



Some Benefits to Partner Agencies



- Employees from sponsoring agencies are guaranteed access to the classes
- Classes are offered off campus and are hosted by sponsoring agencies
- Sponsoring agencies have a direct stake in the development of current and future employees

Benefits to Students

- Courses, books and supplies are all provided to students free of charge
- Students can enroll in Occupation Ed (OCED) courses which facilitate internship and OIT placements
- When students are enrolled in OCED courses, Solano College provides the workers comp insurance instead of the agency which encourages agencies to accept interns while managing the risk of costly injuries
- Because classes are offered off site, they are more convenient to students, can be offered across the Bay Area and give students an opportunity to tour real facilities





Program Sustainability



BACWWE'S Expandable Model

- Encourages diversity in location and course offerings.
 - The more sponsors, the greater geographic coverage
- Utilizes "Contract Education" mechanism to allow maximum flexibility
- Not limited to the Bay Area
 - Can be followed across the state and beyond



Challenges

- Coordination issues between BACWWE and Solano College
- Economic factors impact perspective student interest
- Costs and efforts to manage program
 - Enrollment
 - Reimbursement of costs
- Course sequencing
- Program Marketing





Questions?

Please provide your thoughts on how we can build the program...

